



VOLUNTARY PATERNITY QUARTERLY

DCSS Hospital
Paternity Program

First Quarter 2014

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What's New With The Acknowledgement of Paternity?

The most common AOP error and how to avoid it

Frequently, the Hospital Paternity Program (HPP) receives an Acknowledgment of Paternity (AOP) with one or more of the waiver boxes checked when mother is, in fact not married. Perhaps, the mother did not understand what these boxes are specifying and/or felt one had to be checked as a mandatory choice. It is important for hospital staff, nurses and birth recorders to keep an eye on this section so an invalid AOP is not submitted. Also, please alert back up staff assisting in the paternity process to be aware of this easily-overlooked error.

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Formulario en Español

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PATERNITY
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. Complete in BLACK INK. DO NOT ALTER, LEGAL DOCUMENT

CHILD'S INFORMATION

CHILD'S NAME (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) AS IT APPEARS ON THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE: _____ (BIRTHDATE (MM/DD/YYYY))

Male ☐ Female ☐ PLACE OF BIRTH (City, County, State) _____ HOSPITAL _____

☐ The mother was legally married at the time of conception and/or birth of the child. ☐ A Waiver of Paternity Affidavit completed by the present/former husband is attached.

☐ A court order or decree of dissolution which rebuts paternity is attached.

HOW YOU WANT THE CHILD'S NAME TO APPEAR ON THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE

IF THE CHILD'S NAME HAS NOT CHANGED FROM THE CHILD'S NAME AS IT APPEARS ON THE ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE

If the mother is married to someone other than the biological father, it would be necessary for her to check the boxes that apply. In every case where boxes are checked, there must be either a *Waiver of Paternity Affidavit*, *Certified Court Order* or *Decree of Dissolution* attached.

HAS THE MOTHER EVER BEEN MARRIED? WAS THE MOTHER MARRIED AT DELIVERY, CONCEPTION, OR ANY TIME BETWEEN?

These two very important questions currently appear in boxes 26 and 27 of the Arizona CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH WORKSHEET. The mother's responses to these two questions will assist hospital staff and the mother to determine if a *Waiver of Paternity Affidavit*, *Court Order* or *Decree of Dissolution* is required when completing an AOP.

HAS THE MOTHER EVER BEEN MARRIED? If the mother's response to this question is "no" then her response to the question WAS THE MOTHER MARRIED AT DELIVERY, CONCEPTION, OR ANYTIME BETWEEN should also be "no." The *Waiver of Paternity Affidavit/Court Order* or *Decree of Dissolution* section of the AOP will not apply and the boxes in the *Waiver of Paternity/Court Order* or *Decree of Dissolution* section of the AOP should remain unchecked.

Any "yes" answer to either question HAS THE MOTHER EVER BEEN MARRIED and WAS THE MOTHER MARRIED AT DELIVERY, CONCEPTION, OR ANY TIME BETWEEN will require hospital staff to further clarify information such as conception and divorce dates before an AOP can be completed. A *Waiver of Paternity Affidavit*, *Court Order* or *Decree of Dissolution* may be required depending on the mother's responses.

When is a Waiver of Paternity Affidavit, court order or decree of dissolution needed?

A *Waiver of Paternity Affidavit*, *Court Order* or *Decree of Dissolution* is required if the mother was married at the time of conception or birth or anytime in between, and the husband is not the natural father.

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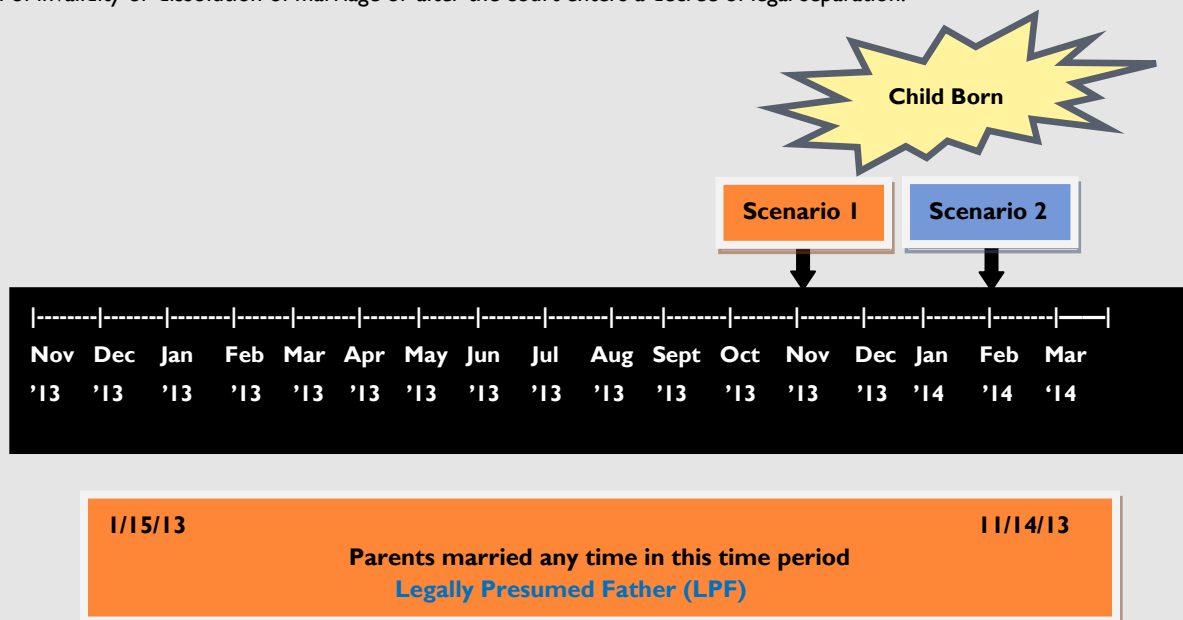
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Legally Presumed Father

By Kathy Tenorio

Question: A common question received by DCSS HPP is "What is the time frame used to determine if the (ex) husband is the legally presumed father (LPF)?" **Answer:** A man is presumed to be the father (LPF) of the child if he and the mother of the child were married at any time in the 10 months immediately preceding the birth or the child is born within 10 months after the marriage is terminated by death, annulment, declaration of invalidity or dissolution of marriage or after the court enters a decree of legal separation.



Scenario 1: Baby Jane is born November 15, 2013. Mother Mary, who is married to Tom Hines, is living with John Smith and has lived with him since the last week of January 2013. Mary is not divorced from Tom Hines. John Smith states he is the father and wants to acknowledge paternity and sign the documents. Can he? What about Tom Hines?



Scenario 2: In February 2013, Minnie left her husband Mickie to live with Greg. Minnie and Mickie's divorce becomes final on June 21, 2013. The divorce decree does not mention any children or the fact that Minnie was pregnant. On February 10, 2014, Minnie gave birth to twins. Both Minnie and Greg state that Greg is the father. Greg wants to acknowledge paternity and sign the documents. Can he? What about Mickey?

Answers to Legally Presumed Father Scenarios

Scenario 1 Answer: John Smith can sign an Acknowledgment of Paternity. Tom Hines must sign a Legal Father's Waiver of Paternity Affidavit. Both completed documents **must be sent in together** to DCSS Hospital Paternity Program (HPP).

Scenario 2 Answer: Greg can sign the Acknowledgment of Paternity. Mickie must sign a Legal Father's Waiver of Paternity Affidavit. Both completed documents **must be sent in together** to DCSS Hospital Paternity Program (HPP).



Frequently Asked Questions

"Live so that when your children think of fairness and integrity, they think of you."

- H. Jackson Brown

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| QUESTION: | Dad appears to have a learning disability and does not seem to understand when I tried to explain the Acknowledgment of Paternity and the Rights and Responsibilities; however, he really wants his name on the child's birth certificate. |
| ANSWER: | Father may sign the Acknowledgment of Paternity; however, parents must be given the Rights and Responsibilities verbally and in writing prior to signing the Acknowledgment of Paternity. Make sure both parents are aware of the 60 day rescission period. |
| QUESTION: | Does the witness have to be a U.S. citizen? |
| ANSWER: | No, the witness does not have to be a U.S. citizen. A witness must be age 18 or older, and not related by blood or marriage. |
| QUESTION: | Mother is afraid of the father (domestic violence issues), and is worried that if she does not include his name on the birth certificate he will get angry. Does she have to sign? |
| ANSWER: | The AOP should never be signed under duress or coercion. Make sure the mother is aware of her Rights and Responsibilities, including the 60 day rescission period. |
| QUESTION: | If the father signs the AOP and his name is placed on the birth certificate, can the mother take the baby to Mexico or can the father stop her because his name is on the birth certificate. |
| ANSWER: | Refer the mother to U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services for questions or requirements regarding traveling outside the United States. |
| QUESTION: | Can parents sign and submit the Spanish version of the AOP? |
| ANSWER: | The AOP and waiver must be completed using the English version only. The Spanish translation of the AOP and waiver are to be used for reference only. Forms completed using the Spanish version or any version other than English will be rejected. Note; if a parent is submitting a document such as court order or divorce decree as an attachment to the AOP, the document must also be in English. |

Do you or your hospital staff need HPP related training? Please feel free to call us any time!

Phone (602) 771-8181
Fax (480) 545-1009

YOU ARE GOING TO CALL ME WHAT!!!

Uncommon Baby Names

by The HPP Team

Have you run across any creative names lately & would like to share with other readers? Here are a few that we have seen:

- Lee Nation
- Rising Sun Red
- Joyce Jaydalove
- Angel Sunset
- Grace Blessing
- Royal Sky
- Moon of the Falling Leaves

- Moonbeam
- Sir Lawrence

If you have any Uncommon Baby Names you would like to add please email them to kgoodall@azdes.gov and we will print them in the next newsletter.

Rules: **First** and **middle** names only, Must be Arizona births & no date of birth's. Looking forward to hearing from you!!



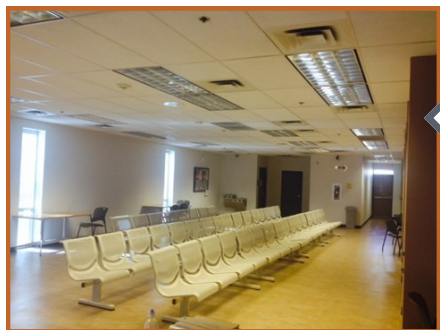


Arizona Department of Health Services - Office of Vital Records

Greetings from the State Office of Vital Records!

New Renovations at the State Office of Vital Records

In February 2014, the Office of Vital Records (OVR) began renovating the main lobby. A new HVAC heating and cooling system has been installed, along with new paint and new flooring in the lobby. The Corrections Room will be converted into three additional counter workstations that will be aligned with the main lobby counter.



Lobby



**Corrections
Counter**

OVR Wrapping-up 2013 Year-end NCHS Data Clean-up

Every year around this time, OVR focuses on the resolution of validation and verification errors reported to us by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), involving the prior year's data. The 2013 data needs to be consistent with the National Center for Health Statistics standards, to insure that our EBRs, EDRS and EFDRS (Electronic Birth, Death and Fetal Death Registry Systems) are supplying them with critical and accurate information. This data is needed for public health topics like teenage births and birth rates, prenatal care and birth weight, risk factors for adverse pregnancy outcomes, infant mortality rates, leading causes of death, and life expectancy.

NCHS supplies OVR with very specific follow-up questions regarding the data that comes from facilities like yours. Our Quality Assurance and System Integrity (QASI) section routinely contacts facilities to resolve data questions that NCHS has asked us to pursue.

As we make this full-court press to finish up the NCHS 2013 data concerns, we are asking that you please respond to our time-sensitive queries regarding our outstanding validation and verification data concerns. We don't have a lot left to resolve, but, we do need your assistance to thoroughly wrap-up 2013. We thank you in advance for your timely responses to our 2013-related data queries. We're almost there. Thank you for your help.

Data Quality

The Office of Vital Records needs your help with collecting accurate timely data. The information listed below identifies some issues that have been identified when reviewing the data for the 2014 birth and fetal death records:

Birth (Nativity):

1. *Mother's Pre-pregnancy weight* and *Mother's weight* at delivery during data entry is being reversed resulting in a negative calculation in mother's weight gain. Birthing clerks need to be more careful when entering this data. [Example shown in fetal death on next page.](#)
2. NCHS is questioning the "*Computed Gestation*" or "*Computed Gestation*" vs "*Birth Weight*". The date of last normal menses began is subtracted from the infants date of birth resulting where gestation is 7 months or less and/or 10 months or greater. The birthing clerks should verify with the mother that the dates are correct. [Example shown in fetal death on next page.](#)
3. We are seeing an increase where the question "Is Infant Living at Time of Report?" is answered as **NO** but there are high Apgar scores and there is no death record on file. Upon further research, it is discovered that the child did not die and the clerk made a keying error.
4. One of the **largest issue's** are under "*Prenatal Information*". We are seeing instances where *Total Prenatal Care Visits* are listed as 2 or greater but the *Date of First Prenatal Care* and *Date of Last Prenatal Care* display the same date. Also, the opposite is true where the *Prenatal Care Visits* are listed as "1" but there are 2 different dates for *First Prenatal Care Visit* and *Last Prenatal Care Visit*. [Example shown in fetal death on next page.](#)



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Fetal Death:

1. One of the **largest issue's** are under "**MOTHER & PREVIOUS BIRTH INFORMATION**". We are seeing instances where "Total Prenatal Care Visits" are listed as 2 or more visits but the Date of First Prenatal Care and Date of Last Prenatal Care are the same date:

Example:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Total Number of Prenatal Care Visits | 10 |
| Date of First Prenatal Care Visit | 01/09/2014 |
| Date of Last Prenatal Care Visit | 01/09/2014 |

And vice versa:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Total Number of Prenatal Care Visits | 01 |
| Date of First Prenatal Care Visit | 02/03/2014 |
| Date of Last Prenatal Care Visit | 03/16/2014 |

2. Under "Risk Factors" we are seeing the following issues:

Example:

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|---|---|
| Risk Factors--Infertility Treatment vs Fertility-Enhancing Drugs vs ART | |
| Risk Factors--Infertility Treatment | U |
| Risk Factors--Infertility: Fertility-Enhancing Drugs | N |
| Risk Factors--Infertility: Asst Rep Technology | N |

In this instance Infertility Treatment should have been answered as "N" to be consistent.

3. Another issue is:

Example:

| | |
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| Risk Factors--Previous Cesarean vs Number Previous Cesareans | |
| Risk Factors--Previous Cesarean | U |
| Risk Factors--Number Previous Cesareans | 00 |

If the Number Previous Cesarean's is "None" then Previous Cesarean should have been marked as "No" as well.

4. Another Issue is:

Example:

| | |
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| Risk Factors--Hypertension Gestational vs Hypertension | |
| Risk Factors--Hypertension Gestational | Y |
| Risk Factors--Hypertension Prepregnancy | Y |

Only one should be checked not both.

5. Another issue we are still seeing for 2014 is:

Example:

| | |
|--|---|
| Risk Factors--Hypertension Gestational vs Hypertension Prepregnancy | |
| Risk Factors--Hypertension Gestational | Y |
| Risk Factors--Hypertension Prepregnancy | Y |
| Was an Autopsy Performed? vs Was a HPE Performed? vs Were Autopsy or HPE Results Used? | |

At the time the doctor is completing the *Cause of Death* it needs to be made clear whether the doctor used the information from the Autopsy/Placental Examination to determine the Cause of Death. The Pathology department normally does not perform the "Autopsy/Examination" until well after the certificate of "Live Birth" has been completed by the birthing clerks. In most cases this is "No" and not left as "Unknown".

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6. We are also seeing the same thing with the weight gain as we do with Natality:

Example:

| | |
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| Mother's Weight Gain | -99 Lbs. |
| Mother's Prepregnancy Weight | 241 Lbs. |
| Mother's Weight at Delivery | 142 Lbs. |

The data is being keyed out of order resulting in a negative weight gain.

7. As with Natality, NCHS is questioning the Gestation vs the Birth Weight:

Example:

| | |
|---|------------|
| Obstetric Estimate of Gestation vs Plurality vs Weight of Fetus is unlikely | |
| Obstetric Estimate of Gestation | 20 Weeks |
| Plurality | 01 |
| Weight of Fetus | 3155 Grams |

The Birthing clerks need to ensure that the date of last of last normal menses is truly correct.

Correction Letter Refresher

The purpose of hospital correction letters is to eliminate typographical errors made by the hospital's staff from registered birth records.

When to Submit a Correction Letter:

Correction letters should only be submitted if the hospital made an error when entering the information on the worksheet into the Electronic Birth Registration System (EBRS). If the error is present on the worksheet that the parents reviewed and signed, the hospital should NOT

accept responsibility for the error by submitting a correction letter.

How to Submit a Correction Letter:

The hospital must submit a copy of the worksheet with the letter to support the correction. The correction letter and worksheet should be submitted to the appropriate county vital registration office. If the county does not process hospital correction letters, they should be submitted to the State Office of Vital Records.

Contents of a Correction Letter:

All correction letters should be submitted on letterhead and contain:

- The date the letter was written
- If available, the facility control number or the state file number of the record
- The child's name, date of birth, and the mother's maiden name
- A statement explaining and taking responsibility for the error
- The correct information that should be listed on the record (must be supported by the worksheet)
- The name, title, and signature of the person submitting the letter

Training Schedule

The educators have scheduled some training classes for the hospitals and birthing facilities as identified below. If you're interested in participating in any of the refresher sessions above, please contact Bianca Soto Bianca.Soto@azdhs.gov or Megan Whitby Megan.Whitby@azdhs.gov.

| Date | Time | Method | Description |
|--------|----------|--------|--|
| 5/1/14 | 9am-11am | iLinc | In each session we will review basic birth and fetal death workflows, timeframes, quality assurance review, differences between user roles, when to transfer a record followed by a Q&A period at the end. |
| 5/8/14 | 2pm-4pm | iLinc | |
| 6/4/14 | 9am-11am | iLinc | |

Thank you for all your hard work.



Toni Miller

Birth and Death Registry Manager
Arizona Department of Health Services Office of Vital Records



Maricopa County Office of Vital Registration

OVR's new website—HOW to make Corrections and now, 2 ways of sharing this information with your customers!

As you read in the last article, the Maricopa County Department of Public Health Office Of Vital Registration debuted a new and improved, easy to use website chocked full of useful FAQs, printable materials and specific sections that are helpful to Birth Recorders and their birth families.

MaricopaVitalRecords.com is your one stop resource and in this month's article, we want to highlight the section about how to make corrections and bring to your attention the English and Spanish language brochures you can print for yourself and your customers.

From the home page, select the section, Birth Certificate Corrections. Click on any of the blue shaded drop down slides to read the answers to the most commonly asked questions such as, "How do I change the child's name after the birth has been recorded?" and "How do I add the father to my baby's record?"

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Birth Certificate Corrections

These are examples of the most common errors:

- "My child's name is spelled incorrectly..."
- "My mother's birth place is listed incorrectly on my birth certificate..."
- "I want to add my baby's father to our child's birth certificate..."

Our office makes eligible corrections to Arizona birth certificates from 1997 to the present.

The procedure to make changes varies with the type of change requested and how recently the certificate was registered. As Arizona is a closed records state, only eligible parties may request these changes and are required to provide the necessary factual documentation needed for these change requests to be reviewed.

How to request the most common correction changes and the information you may need to provide:

- How to add a child's name or complete their name when no name was listed on the original birth certificate (not named child)
- Changing a child's name on an Arizona birth certificate
- Minor Corrections
- Adding the father to a child's birth certificate - How to file an Acknowledgment of Paternity (AOP)
- How a biological father may add his name to the Putative Father Registry, the notification before adoption
- One of the parents listed on the birth certificate has changed their legal name, has an alias or the parent's name or date and/or place of birth is incorrect
- Common examples of acceptable factual documents...

How to apply for a certified copy?

| How to Apply | Acceptable Identification | Eligibility Requirements | Fees |
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| Eligibility Requirements | | | |
| In Arizona, applicants must prove their relationship to the person (Registrant) named on the Arizona birth certificate. | | | |

Central Phoenix
3221 N 16th St
Phoenix AZ 85016

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4419 E Main St
Mesa AZ 85205

West Phoenix
3003 W Thomas Rd
Phoenix AZ 85017

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Ph: 602-506-6805
Hrs: 8:00am-4:30pm
Please arrive by 4:00pm

Fees:
\$20.00-Certified Copy
\$30.00-Corrections
\$ 5.00-Non certified copy for Gov't Agency use only

Forms of Payment:
• Visa or MasterCard
• Money Order
• Cashier's Check
• Cash (in person ONLY)

How to Apply:
• In person

The questions are active buttons that *drop down* revealing the answer to the most commonly asked questions by both Birth Recorders and the birth families.

How to request the most common correction changes and the information you may need to provide:

How to add a child's name or complete their name when no name was listed on the original birth certificate (not named child)

Changing a child's name on an Arizona birth certificate

There are important steps and time frames to follow when preparing this type of correction request:

When the child is **under 90 days old** -

1. The parent(s) listed on the child's original birth certificate must complete an Affidavit to Correct
2. Notarize parent(s) signature on the form
3. Complete and sign an Application. No additional factual documents are required

AND now, all of the questions and answers found on the website are also covered in our downloadable and printable brochures! Just print and share with your birth families – English and Spanish versions are available!

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Maricopa County Office of Vital Registration

Look in the **Applications and Forms** tab from the top navigation bar and see the section entitled, **Correction Forms** and **Brochures**. There you will find the UPDATED brochure explaining in detail how to change a child's name and how to add a father to the birth certificate.

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Applications and Forms

Applications for Certified Copies of Arizona Birth Certificates

- [Mail in \(English\) \(Spanish\)](#)
- [In person \(English\) \(Spanish\)](#)

Applications for Certified Copies of Arizona Death Certificates

- [Mail in \(English\) \(Spanish\)](#)
- [In person \(English\) \(Spanish\)](#)

Applications for Certified Copies of Arizona Certificates of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth and Fetal Death

- [Mail in \(English\) \(Spanish\)](#)
- [In person \(English\) \(Spanish\)](#)

Correction Forms

- [Acknowledgement of Paternity](#)
- [Affidavit to Correct Birth \(English\) \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Affidavit to Correct Death \(English\)](#)

Brochures

- [How to apply for a Birth Certificate \(English\) \(Spanish\)](#)
- [How to apply for a Death Certificate \(English\)](#)
- [How to Apply for a Fetal Death Certificate \(English\)](#)
- [How to change a child's name or how to add a father to an Arizona Birth Certificate \(English\)](#)

Please explore www.MaricopaVitalRecords.com and let us know what you think. The Maricopa County Office of Vital Registration appreciates you and your input!

Sincerely,



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Voluntary Paternity Workshop

January 10, 2014

Special Thanks to all 14 January Attendees!

January 10th Attendees

Cristy Rininger—DCSS
 Kathryn Bucklin—DCSS
 Jessica Ramos—DCSS
 Amy Radeka—Maricopa County OVR
 Bobbie Marie Razo—Maricopa County OVR
 Elizabeth Rabusa—Maricopa County OVR
 Angela Lookinglass—Phoenix Indian
 Jolene King—Phoenix Indian
 Kaitlin Roan—Phoenix Indian
 Mary Romero—Phoenix Indian
 Melyssa Martinez—Phoenix Indian
 Bianco Soto—State OVR
 Megan Whitby—State OVR
 Jennifer Salinas—Mercy Gilbert Medical Center

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JOIN

HPP!!!

January 31, 2014

Special Thanks to all 12 January Attendees!

January 31st Attendees

Rachel Smith—Yuma Regional Medical Center
 Tammy Devine—Yuma Regional Medical Center
 Maria Navarro—Yuma Regional Medical Center
 Sue Hanson—Yuma Regional Medical Center
 Hope Rosales—Yuma Regional Medical Center
 Christine Deleon—Yuma Regional Medical Center
 Angie Villegas—Yuma Regional Medical Center
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Angela Lookinglass of Phoenix Indian
 & Jennifer Salinas of Mercy Gilbert



Jolene King at Phoenix Indian



Jessica Ramos & Kathryn Bucklin from
 DCSS



Cristy Rininger DCSS



Elizabeth Rabusa & Amy Radeka
 Maricopa OVR



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UNWED BIRTHS
9,571

SHOOTING STARS

1st QUARTER
AOP Paternities
6,631 (69.28%)



1ST QUARTER 2014



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| Birth & Women's Health Center | 130.00% | Hopi Health Care Center | 100.00% |
| Tempe St. Luke's Hospital | 95.00% | Valley View Medical Center | 93.98% |
| Havasut Regional Medical Center | 93.06% | Ft. Defiance Indian | 92.55% |
| Banner Page Hospital | 90.48% | Verde Valley Medical Center | 88.89% |
| Mercy Gilbert Medical Center | 88.62% | Banner Thunderbird Medical Center | 85.89% |
| Phoenix Baptist Hospital | 84.97% | Yavapai Regional Hospital | 82.64% |
| Scottsdale Healthcare/Shea | 81.82% | Mt. Graham Regional Medical Center | 81.69% |
| Chinle Comprehensive Health | 81.40% | Chandler Regional Hospital | 80.42% |
| Banner Estrella Medical Center | 79.10% | Little Colorado Medical Center | 78.57% |
| Banner Good Samaritan Medical | 78.54% | Banner Baywood Medical Center | 77.89% |
| Scottsdale Healthcare/Osborn | 77.69% | Banner Gateway Medical Center | 76.75% |
| Summit Healthcare Regional Medical | 75.70% | | |

** Shooting Stars are awarded based on quarterly compliance numbers of 75% and above.*

The Hospital Paternity Program commends birth registrars and nursing staff statewide for aiding Arizona's children. On a daily basis, you all demonstrate tremendous team work and effort as you work to get them a *legal father*. Those hospitals reaching a 75% or higher compliance rate this quarter are listed above. Congratulations to everyone!



The Newsletter!

**CALLING ALL E-MAIL ADDRESSES!
SEND US YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS AND
RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER
ELECTRONICALLY!!**

**Division of Child Support
Services
Hospital Paternity
Program**

**Do you or your hospital need HPP
related training?
HPP staff are here for you.
Call us!!**

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Email: DCSSHOPPAT@azdes.gov**



**Need paternity handout
pamphlets?
Contact DCSS HPP**

Workshops

Voluntary Paternity Workshops for 2014

July 11th 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
October 10th 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: 2290 W. Guadalupe Rd. Bldg 3
Gilbert, AZ 85233

Interested in attending our Hospital Paternity Workshop?

Contact: Rosalinda Miranda at RMiranda@azdes.gov

Or

Connie Monterrosa at CMonterrosa@azdes.gov

Don't miss this opportunity!!!

Hospital Paternity Program training on the Voluntary Paternity Workshop is available on a regular basis at the HPP office in Gilbert. These classes are offered in addition to the individual hospital visits HPP staff make. Birth recorder supervisors are encouraged to attend, as well.

Training includes hands-on forms with an in-depth discussion on the importance of accurate, complete, and timely information. Information related to voluntary paternity is covered. Each training session begins promptly at 9:00 am and ends at approximately 12:00 noon.

DCSS Hospital Paternity Program Voluntary Paternity Quarterly Newsletter

This newsletter is intended for individuals and birthing staff who are involved with the Arizona Voluntary Paternity Program. The intent is to publish the newsletter four times a year. Resource budget limitations may cause publications to deviate from the normal publication schedule. We welcome articles submissions and would especially like to hear from Arizona birthing staff.

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Announcements & Games



Special Shout Out for the HPP Team!!

Kathy Tenorio celebrated her 20th year with DCSS on 3/28/14

Thank you for all of your hard work!



CONGRATULATIONS

Guess the Uncommon Baby Names

Luisanna Beltran, St. Mary's Satellite Vital Registrar (on left) with her new baby boy in Jennifer's (on right) very capable hands at Arrowhead Hospital. Thank you Jennifer Jackson and Arrowhead Hospital for taking very good care of Luisanna and her little one in February!

| Clue | Baby Name | Clue | Baby Name |
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| 1. Many colors, Disney princess | ___ N ___ W _ U _ _ _ | 2. A friend, an animal | __ D __ B _ _ _ |
| 3. A State in the USA | ___ E ___ E | 4. Earth is mostly me | __ E __ |
| 5. Final Day, a flower | ___ D __ ___ E | 6. A fruit, separate seas | _ P _ _ M _ _ _ |
| 7. Fly in the sky, jump on land | B _ _ _ I _ C _ _ _ K _ _ | 8. Golf | T _ _ _ _ _ _ _ E |
| 9. Spice | _ _ G _ | 10. Direction | _ O _ _ _ |



1. Rainbow Aurora
2. Buddy Bear
3. Tennessee
4. Ocean
5. Sunday Rose
6. Apple Moses
7. Birdie Cricket
8. Three in One
9. Sage
10. North

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Send completed Acknowledgement of Paternity (AOP) forms to the Hospital Paternity Program (HPP). This gives your site credit for the paternities established.
- Ensure that parents do NOT take original completed AOP with them. Send the originals to the HPP team for validating and processing. Do NOT give the parents a copy of the unprocessed AOP.
- Proof-read the AOP before submitting it to HPP. We have seen AOP's with missing witness dates, incorrect hospital addresses, or handwritten AOP's which are not legible etc. Proof-reading for accuracy can avoid them being returned for correction or for parents to complete a new AOP.
- Remember, paternity establishment cannot be validated or finalized with an incomplete or inaccurate AOP. When AOP's are returned, paternity is not established. The child does not have a legal father.